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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. PTO Form-1449 with 32 references cited; and
- 3. Copies of 26 of the 32 references cited.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars: [NOTE: One only of items a, b, c, and d must be checked.]

- a. [XXX] The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- b. [] The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311.

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g. [**XX**] Copies of the documents are attached herewith with a completed PTO Form-1449.

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[] Copies of the documents are not attached, with a completed PTO Form-1449 as allowed under CFR 1.98(d)(1)(2). The earlier application is identified as:

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of each document on the Form PTO-1449, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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- 1. Submission of Documents to Supplement Filing Documents under 35 USC 371;
- 2. Corrected Version of the PCT Publication WO 2005/087744 Cover Sheet;
- 3. PCT/IB/373 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability); and
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